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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EINV, EMIN, GY

SUBJECT: NATIONALIZATION OF REYNOLDS

REF: GEORGETOWN 1595

1. WE CONCUR WITH YOUR DECISION (PARA. 5 REFTTEL) NOT TO ENCOURAGE RAMPHAL IN NOTION THAT JULY 10 OR 11 WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE AS EFFECTIVE DATE FOR TAX. WE BELIEVE THAT THE POINT REGARDING TAXATION IS IMPORTANT ENOUGH FOR YOU TO RAISE IT WITH HIM AGAIN AT APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY.

2. THE SALIENT POINT WE WISH HIM TO UNDERSTAND IS THAT, NOW THAT GOG HAS PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED AND FORMALLY NOTIFIED REYNOLDS OF ITS INTENTION TO NATIONALIZE BY THE END OF THE YEAR, IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT FOR USG TO VIEW ANY SUBSTANTIAL TAX UNILATERALLY IMPOSED IN THE CONTEXT OF NATIONALIZATION AS OTHER THAN ONE APPLIED TO AFFECT COMPENSATION.

3. CECIL HUNT WILL BE ABLE TO GIVE YOU BACKGROUND ON THIS MATTER. KISSINGER

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